



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO MEDIA ADVISORY

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## **VOLUNTEER GROUPS HELP TO REBUILD FIRE DAMAGED PRESERVE: Heavy Rains Set-Back Rebuilding Efforts at Mt. Gower and Volunteers Needed**

### **Who/What:**

County Parks and Recreation, the Ramona Trails Association and other trail groups are holding a trail restoration and rehabilitation volunteer day at Mt. Gower and additional volunteers are needed. Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve, one of 23 County Parks damaged by the October 2003 wildfires, was scheduled to reopen this week. Because of recent heavy rains and significant erosion, many restored trails need to be rehabilitated once again. Volunteer projects will include staking new trees and restoring eroded trails. To volunteer, call Ranger Patty Heyden at (619)956-4707.

Thanks to the efforts of trail volunteer groups, California Conservation Corps, National Emergency Grant crews and County Parks and Recreation staff, the preserve is expected to reopen Dec. 16, 2004.

### **When:**

Saturday, November 13, 2004  
8 a.m. to Noon

### **Where:**

Mt. Gower Open Space Preserve (San Diego Country Estates)  
17090 Gunn Stage Road, Ramona  
Meet at Mt. Gower Staging Area off of Gunn Stage Road  
(Thomas Bros Guide: page 1173, coordinate F1)

### **Why:**

San Diego County Department of Parks and Recreation is dedicated to providing opportunities for high quality parks and recreation experiences for residents and visitors and to preserving regionally significant natural and cultural resources. County Parks and Recreation maintains more than 90 parks covering more than 35,000 acres and are open year round. For more information on County Parks and Parks programs visit [www.sd parks.org](http://www.sd parks.org).



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